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Leslie McCue of Odawa Wiingushk smiles as children dance onstage during their performance with Razzamataz on Jan. 15 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion. For more photos, see page 8. /PHOTO BY ADAM FRISK Special to the Times



No decision by MH council on Bob Lake boat launch

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Bob Lake Association (BLA) wants to enter into a lease agreement with Minden Hills that would lead to a boat launch for members.

The public boat launch was closed in 2016.

Since then association members have had no means to launch watercraft, Robert Roszell told council Jan. 12 during its public meeting.

It's hoped the Bob Lake Community Boat Launch could be built on the Claude Brown unopened road allowance.

"We also know from our own site analysis that this location is the only viable property on Bob Lake for a boat launch in terms of to-

pography and public access," he wrote. "With the BLA responsible for all costs associated with the construction, maintenance, and insurance, the proposal addresses the township's concerns around cost and liability."

Roszell said the boat launch's construction and maintenance wouldn't cost the township anything.

The design will be of concrete slabs and it

would be on township property.

He said the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has assessed the proposed site and is satisfied that no fish habitat and spawning beds would be harmed by the project.

"We are hoping the agreement will be similar to the ones used by Minden Hills today,"

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Minden 50's Diner back in business

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

The Minden 50's Diner has opened its doors once again, this time under new management and ownership. "We want to make it a hub in Minden, somewhere with good food, good music, and good hospitality," said Summer Clark, the manager of the restaurant.

The 50's Diner had been in the news regularly in recent history, when the previous owner refused to follow COVID-19 regulations that were in place at that time. Since then, changes have been made, and the new owners are excited to open their doors once again to the community. "We're not looking to get political," they said, "we are just looking to create a great space where people can connect."

There are already some big changes underway. The new owners have jumped in with two feet into the space, located in the Heritage Plaza off Highway 35. They have done a deep clean, added new lights, art, furniture, and a few fresh coats of paint. They said that they intend to close down for a few weeks during a quieter time, to complete additional renovations.

Clark spoke of the addition of an espresso machine, options for those dining with allergies, and a variety of music and drinks, as well as community-oriented events. While they are not interested in pursuing a liquor license, they are optimistic about creating a space that will be welcoming to people of all ages. "We recognize that there is an older population here," Clark told the *Times*, "so we want to make a space where they feel comfortable, but also a hub for younger people to enjoy, and maybe even work at."

The new owners shared that they are aware of the challenges surrounding staffing issues locally, but emphasized that their staff is of the utmost importance. "When we have happy staff, we have happy customers; we want people who are happy to come to work every day."

The 50's Diner is open daily, with the exception of Wednesdays, from 8 until 5. They can be reached at 705- 286-2626 or by visiting their Instagram page @50sDinerCafe.



The new manager of the Minden 50's Diner, Summer Clark, is excited to become a part of the community in Minden. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Boat launch decision needs 'more work'

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he said. "It will have merit for longevity for both parties moving forward."

Dave Roberts, a director at association, said there's been several private boat launches constructed on Bob Lake since

the association's public launch was closed. And, he said, there are several more private launches in the works.

"This has definitely got a positive shoreline impact for us on the lake," Roberts said.

Councillor Tammy McKelvey said the reference to a community boat launch indicates it will be gated somehow to restrict public access.

"There's a lot of details that we haven't figured out," Roberts said, and added that there are no plans for video surveillance at the site.

A combination locked gate and signage is possibly in the works.

"But those are details that we really haven't discussed and firmed up," he said. "We wanted to secure permission through this lease agreement before all those things were hashed out."

Basically, the association is proposing to close off a road allowance that leads to water. And, McKelvey said, such a move goes against the town's planning policies.

"The other concern I have, of course, is the erosion ... that's

going to end up in the lake," McKelvey said. "While I really want to see a public boat launch on Bob Lake, I really don't think this location is ideal for that purpose."

Roberts said the association has in the past submitted "a rather exhaustive" assessment of the entire lake with a view toward public access. A major obstacle has been shoreline topography.

"There's a lot of launches that would let the boat in but ... wouldn't let the boat out," he said. "While it might not be the ideal location, it certainly meets all the criteria."

Roberts said the proposed location had been the site for boat launches since the 1970s.

Closing access by way of a gate would be to prevent vehicle access, he said. It wouldn't block foot traffic.

"It wouldn't be that kind of a gate in any way," he said.

Roszell said the proposed launch has been designed in such a way as to safeguard against erosion and runoff being flushed into the water.

"It's been extensively researched, as you can see, from both civil engineering and from the environmental side of it," Roszell said.

Roberts added that the launch could, in fact, help prevent erosion at the shoreline.

Mayor Bob Carter said this has been an issue before council for a number of years. He said considerable time and money and effort has been put into the issue.

He suggested council receive the lease proposal as an information item and refrain from a decision.

"We need to do a little bit more work on this," Carter said. "As you can well imagine, we not only have received this presentation, but we have also received some comments from the public."

Some of those comments are in support of the association, while "many" are against the boat launch.

"We have to do all those considerations," Carter said.

In the end, council agreed to direct the issue to town staff for evaluation.

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Minden staff to probe rodenticide use

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Minden Hills will take a close look at how rodenticides are used on municipal property.

The issue was brought to the fore during the Jan. 12 public council meeting.

Allison Hansen, a concerned Minden Hills resident, came out against the persistent use of rodenticides. She said the chemicals are having a detrimental effect on children, companion pets, and wildlife.

Hansen's dog died in 2021 due to liver failure as a result of rodenticide toxicity, she said.

"Our sweet Torchy always seemed to be an adept hunter," she said. "She caught many rodents, and even gifted us the odd one."

When she considers the dog's short six-year life, Hansen said the reason the dog was able to catch the rodents so easily. "They were sick, slow, and dying themselves," she said.

Rodenticides are the means of choice by Haliburton County residents to deal with the pest animals. Even the Township of Minden Hills uses the black bait boxes.

"Personally, I'm horrified to think of the number of animals that we have lost and the damage that has occurred in our ecosystems as the result of these poisons," Hansen said.

Rodenticides are inhumane, she said. The death that's caused by such poisons is slow and cruel.

"These animals die a slow and painful death over the course of days or even weeks as they suffer internal hemorrhaging and neurological issues," she said.

The chemicals are ineffective over the long term at controlling rodents. A better course of action is to rodent-proof a dwelling and remove the things that attract rodents.

"By poisoning rodents we are also poisoning the predators that rely on these rodents for food," Hansen said.

She's started a petition in Change.org against the use of rodenticides.

"Banning the sale and use of all rodenticides is the best approach to the safeguarding of what we hold dear here," she said. "That is the environment, lakes, wildlife, and our families and companion animals that we share our space with."

Councillor Pam Sayne said people should be fearful about the chemicals that are in our environment.

"All of that eventually ends up into our water, into the human system as well," Sayne said.

She suggested there isn't enough done in the way of public education about the issue.

"I would say that there's a minimal amount of things that we could do," Sayne said. "But we should be doing them at the municipal level."

She suggested governing the use of such chemicals as rodenticides is more the responsibility of the provincial and federal governments.

"But we also need some of these rodenticides," she said.

Sayne encouraged a public education campaign geared toward curbing rodenticide use.

"I don't think we can ban it," Sayne said.

Mayor Bob Carter said the issue needs to be studied a little more in depth. He suggested council request municipal staff look into the issue, compile a report, and return to council in April to propose possible steps to address concerns.

Coun. Ivan Ingram said information about rodenticide use and its danger should be posted on the town's website for residents.

HHHS explores feasibility of bringing a CT scan machine to county

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has begun to explore whether a CT scan machine can be brought to Haliburton County to help improve patient outcomes and deliver important healthcare services closer to home.

"HHHS had planned to include the addition of a CT scan machine as part of our Master Planning process," said Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO of HHHS. "We know it would make such a positive impact in the community and that this is something the community has wanted for some time."

As part of this exploration, HHHS has taken steps to conduct a feasibility study. The study will help determine if it is possible to proceed now, rather than wait for the Master Planning process to be completed. If the study demonstrates that a CT scan machine is feasible for HHHS, a full application to the Ministry of Health will be required.

"While we hope to be successful in this effort, we know we have a long way to go," said Plummer. "We do see so many benefits of having a CT scan machine for everyone in Haliburton County. It would support our patients with quicker diagnostics, help to better meet the needs of our community in terms of screening and prevention, help attract new healthcare workers to the area, and reduce the number of EMS hours currently spent transferring patients out of the County for services."

If an application is made to the Ministry of Health, it will require strong community support. HHHS will share more details with the community as the process starts to unfold.

Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Health Services



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Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

January 26 – Regular Council Meeting

February 9 – Regular Council Meeting

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Getting on track for ice racing

The team was braving the cold on Jan. 16 to prepare the track at the Minden Fairgrounds for the upcoming ice racing, scheduled to start at the end of the month. For current updates on the start-date, visit www.mindenkin.club. /Submitted by Wes London



Influenza instances waning, says region's medical officer of health

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Influenza in the Haliburton, Kawartha, and Pine Ridge public health region seems to be declining since its peak in December.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of health for the region, said there's been fewer instances of the respiratory illness, fewer outbreaks being declared, and fewer admissions to hospitals for influenza.

"Since the beginning of December, it's actually come back down," she said. "We're still above what's expected for seasonal averages, but much improved since that peak at the beginning of December."

The decrease is likely due to an easing in the transmission of the flu locally.

Obviously, this is good news, she said.

In southern jurisdictions where flu season begins earlier, Bocking said there's been a trend in which the illness increased quickly, peaked at a higher than usual level, and dropped rather quickly.

"It seems to be staying down," she said. "Certainly there's still some activity, but it doesn't seem to be having a second peak or

a third peak."

Bocking said public health officials are hopeful the brunt of the flu season has passed.

"There will still be influenza cases," she said. "If you have not yet received your influenza vaccine or your flu shot, I would say it's still worth getting your flu shot."

Most of the flu identified in the region has been influenza A, she said.

But that somewhat good news is tempered by an increase in COVID-19 diagnoses. Provincial test positivity has crept back up to about 17 per cent.

"This is largely still being driven by the variants BQ.1 and BQ.1.1," Bocking said.

Those omicron variants are causing increased transmission and increased outbreaks across Ontario.

Locally, there's been an increase in signs of COVID-19 activity, she said. There's seven outbreaks in the region, six of which are in long-term care facilities.

"I think we could be starting to see very early signs of increased spread of COVID-19 throughout the communities again," she said. "This wouldn't be surprising. Other areas of the province have already seen an increase in activity."

However, the increased activity hasn't translated into a rise in hospital admissions, she said.

The last year was a challenge because of the coronavirus, with more deaths than previously during the pandemic, she said.

"Despite the fact that omicron as a variant of COVID-19 is less severe than the original virus, the fact that it spread so easily and is still more severe than other respiratory infections such as influenza, it means that we still do see an increased burden on the health care system," she said.

The outlook for 2023, Bocking said, is a trend that sees increased COVID-19 transmission about every 90 days as new variants emerge before the transmission slows.

"We call them waves," she said. "We call them surges. Whatever you want to call it."

And there's no reason to believe that trend will change, especially given the emergence of the XBB1.5 variant that's been spreading throughout the northeastern United States and has been identified in Canada.

"It's very quickly become the most dominant sub-variant," Bocking said.

The good news, she said, is that the latest sub-variant doesn't cause severe illness.

Though highly transmissible, vaccinations will lessen its severity and stave off hospital admissions.

"There continues to be lots of questions about how often it will be recommended to get boosted with COVID-19 vaccines," she said.

That uncertainty will continue as health care providers learn about the protective effect of vaccines and as new variants emerge.

Within the region last fall, almost 60 per cent of residents aged 70 years old and older got a booster dose of vaccine.

"Because the vaccine works well against severe illness, we'd like to see that number as high as we can get it," Bocking said. "And we'll continue to promote the bivalent vaccine for booster doses as long as we know that it continues to still be effective."

She said there continues to be a need for people to wear a mask when in crowded public places. It's an effective way to stymie the illness' spread and to decrease the burden on the health care system.

"Masking is still a really important way that we're also protecting other members of the community, most vulnerable member of the community," she said.

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Focusing on the Finn details

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Perhaps 2023 is the year to finally dabble in the art world, and cross that off your bucket list. Nationally-acclaimed artist Carole Finn has returned to the Haliburton Highlands for the winter months, to reconnect with the community, and dive into teaching art in the region once again. "I am doing my two favourite things," she said, "painting, and teaching!"

Finn moved to Victoria, B.C. in 2020 to spend more time with her family. Prior to her move, she ran the Finn Artists' Centre in downtown Minden, where she had a studio, a gallery, and offered private and public classes on a regular basis.

She wasn't always a full-time artist, though. She had always had an interest and a skill-set for painting, and was heavily involved in the local art world. Yet, it wasn't until she won the Queen's Medal for outstanding community service awarded by the Queen, through the Canadian Government, as well a series of other accolades, that she decided to dive head first into the world of art in 2009, specializing in landscapes and natural wildlife.

Since then, Finn has been a part of both solo and group exhibitions across Canada, as well as England, France, and Germany. She is also an elected member of the prestigious Ontario Society of Artists, the Color and Form Society, and a signature member of the Federation of Canadian Artists. While she continues to showcase around the world, she takes pride in featuring her work at a local



Artist Carole Finn has returned to the Haliburton Highlands for the winter months, and will be hosting regular art classes in Eagle Lake until April. /Photo submitted

level as well. "I have a local show coming up in July at the Corner Gallery in Haliburton, as well as continued work at the Ethel Curry Gallery," she said.

Finn credits her time in B.C. as an opportunity to continue honing in on her skills. "Over the past few years, I feel I have really expanded my portfolio," she noted, "there are so many artists on [Vancouver] Island, and they all know each other, and all support each other."

While she plans to relocate back to B.C. in

April, Finn intends to make the most of her time in the Haliburton Highlands by offering classes over the winter months. The classes will be held every Tuesday, in the Eagle Lake Community Church. "The church has lovely sunshine coming in through the windows, it's just got a warm and fuzzy feeling to it," Finn said of the space she's offering the classes.

The classes will run every Tuesday, from Feb. 7 to March 28. Students can register for individual classes, or a package of four class-

es back-to-back. Finn noted that she would be available for Zoom support between classes for students, so they can continue to develop their learnings. She said that all skill-sets are welcome to join the classes, and no previous experience or painting knowledge is required. "Everybody can come, everybody can learn, and everybody will finish their painting," said Finn.

To register for Finn's classes, email finn@halhinet.on.ca, or visit her website at www.carolefinnartist.com



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Seen, heard, and together

ISLEEP WITH a notebook beside my bed. Usually, my favourite ideas slither into my groggy mind at approximately 3 a.m.

I had a few ideas for this week's editorial. Conversations around council meetings. The sleepiness of the economy during the winter months. How there is still no decision about a Bob Lake boat launch after years and years of talking in circles.

Despite a scribbly notebook chock full of local news stories that I see the value in unpacking in an editorial at some point in time, that wasn't what stood out to me the most this week.

This week, it wasn't the traditional "news" that had me diving for a story. It was the people. The community. The kids.

I was invited to join a two-day workshop and performance with Razzamataz Kids' Shows. They were featuring a dance troupe called *Odawa Wiingushk*, who are an Indigenous group based out of Ottawa, and represent three different dance styles to educate the youth of communities across Canada, also known as Turtle Island.

I watched as over 20 kids, all under the age of 12, joined this group in laughter, celebration, and dance. It didn't matter that there were different upbringings. Different challenges. Different perspectives. What mattered, in that moment, is that they all felt seen, heard, and together.

Following the workshop, I wandered over to Jack Rabbit ski lessons at Glebe Park. I heard squeals of kids whooshing down hills around me. The sweet smell of hot chocolate as volunteers doled it out; cold fingers curling around steaming mugs. I watched as tiny children slid along in their first pair of skis, barely able to walk yet, but thrilled to be slipping along with the other kids. A large group of people, feeling seen, heard, and together.

When it's your job to find the news, that's all you do. Every interaction has the possibility of a story behind it. I've read through editorials in other newspapers. I've waded through the subjective stances of editors and writers who feel it is their job to cut to the truth. The meat of the papers. The headlines that will sell the most issues.

I understand that many decisions are made with business in mind, and I get that. I also understand that it's human nature to want to understand the dirt; to know the names, to dig deeper, to cut to the chase.

There's a time and place for this news. It does belong out there in the world, readers do deserve to see it, editors do have to write about it.

I was worried about writing an editorial that focused on community connections, but all week, I kept coming back to it. Some weeks aren't like that (debatably, most), but this one was. I feared that if I skipped the big points and wrote a piece on the teeny tiny workings of our town, it would be considered "fluff." That the readers wouldn't take our paper seriously. That I would be seen as soft.

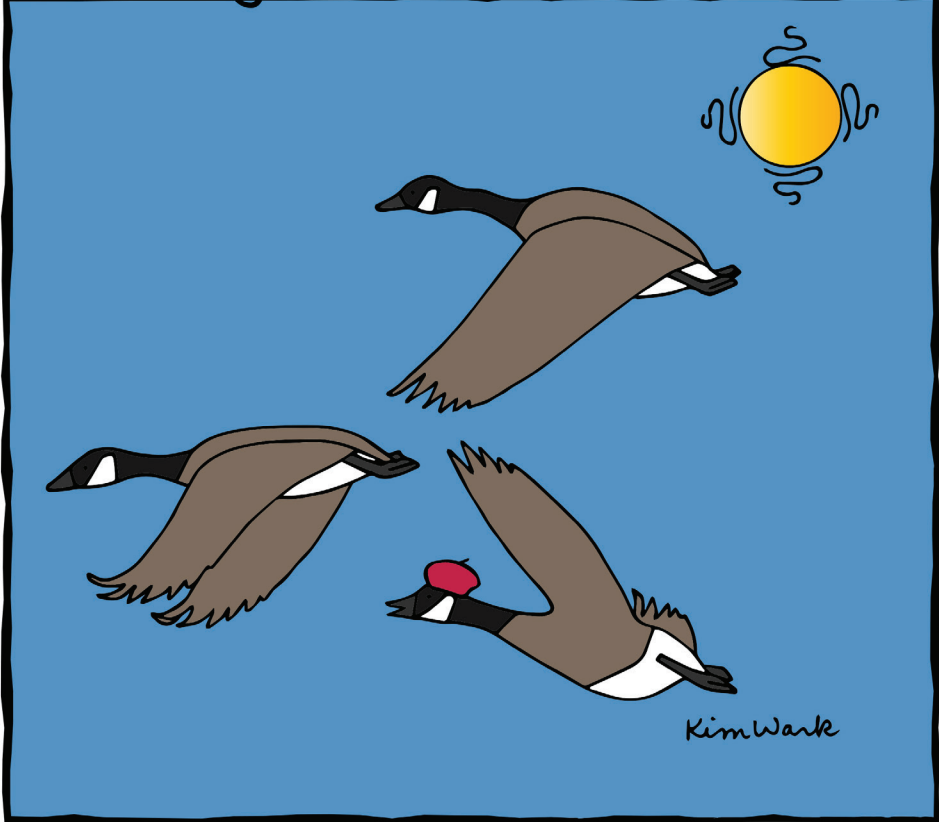
Like any week, there have been highs and lows. I kept looking for more news. To cover more ground. To break more bulletins. I was looking for the big picture, when in reality, the "news" was happening right in front of me. It was kids giggling together in the warm winter sun. It was parents waving proudly while they snapped pictures of their little skiers. It was a community that showed up together to learn, listen, and reflect.

So, at the end of the day, beyond the breaking news and the notebook of ideas, I still believe that the content that should get out there in some form, is the stuff that makes you feel seen, heard, and together. And this week, that's what our community was all about.



EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Kwarky



"We always go south. This year let's go to Paris."

Ladling

IT SEEMS we are finally going to get an arctic blast of cold air coming through to give us what meteorologists call a "real winter" and what the rest of us call "real @#!\$@ lousy weather."

On the bright side, in many ways colder weather is good for ice anglers. First, it makes the ice safer. More than that, however, it justifies all the purchases of power augers, ice fishing shelters, rods, lures, heaters, sleds, and flotation suits.

On a side note, it also teaches you about the importance of the lowly ladle. I think this is crucial because the lowly ladle does not get enough credit for the value it brings to the hole maintenance process. Yet, without one, our ice fishing holes would constantly freeze right over.

The angler who is proficient in ladle use is also a valuable addition to the fishing party. He or she is only second in importance to the angler you get to drill holes for you. Without either of those, ice fishing would be no fun at all.

There are two kinds of ladlers though – the good ones and the bad ones.

And the difference between the two comes down to grip strength.

A good ladler is one who never lets go of the ladle when slushing out the holes. A bad ladler is a person who looks guilty and sheepish, when you ask the question, "Where is the ladle?"

Sometimes, he or she might shrug. But if you watch closely, their eyes shift occasionally to look at the hole they just dropped the ladle down.

Ice anglers don't talk about this much but, if my experience is any indication,

the bottoms of our ice fishing lakes are littered with ladles. So much so that if I were ever to give financial advice to my kids, I would tell them to buy stocks in December in a company that manufactures ice fishing ladles – and dump them in March.

How bad is this issue?

I personally believe that archaeologists in the distant future, after recovering artifacts from the bottom of our lakes, will deduce that we were a soup eating culture, based solely on all the ladles they find. And they will also conclude that our soup-eating civilization failed because all of our ladles had holes in them.

Over the years, I have witnessed at least 10 ice fishing ladles dropped through holes in the ice, sometimes in water so shallow that you are tempted to try jigging for them. Or at least marking the spot so you can return for them after ice out, which we never do.

As far as I can ascertain the only way around this is to fish with a person who spent a lot of time working in soup kitchens. Or at the very least, find a fellow ice angler whose handshake crushes your own.

I happen to plan my ice fishing adventures based on the amount of ladles I have at the time. If Jenn asks me how long I am going to be on the ice, I will answer with something like, "I just have three ladles, so probably an hour or two."

I am not known for my iron grip.

I know this is not really ground-breaking news for experienced ice anglers, but I feel it is important information for those new to the sport.

Someone needs to give them the scoop.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

What's with our winters?

CANADA IS winter country and we Canadians are winter people. So, I'm concerned about what is happening to our winters.

Is the current one of above average temperatures, stretches of grey rain-snow drizzle and freaky storms just a fluke? Or is this a trend that will change our winter lives?

If just a fluke, it's certainly an extended one.

December saw only 16 days below freezing in Haliburton County, most only marginally below. The coldest daytime temperature last month was minus seven Celsius and there were 10 days of rain.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

This has continued into January. The first half of the month saw mainly above normal temperatures and five days with at least a trace of rain. Forecasts indicate above average temperatures for the rest of the month.

Scientific data show temperatures are rising around the world. More importantly, winter temperatures are warming faster than temperatures in summer, spring or autumn.

The last eight Januarys (2017-2022) rank among the world's 10 warmest Januarys on record. January 2022 was the 46th consecutive January and the 445th consecutive month with world temperatures above average.

If global warming is in fact making our winters less wintry, why are we still seeing record-breaking heavy snowfalls, plus bone-chilling temperatures in places that never have had them before?

In fact, say researchers, global warming is causing unusual cold in some places and extreme precipitation events, such as last month's two to three-foot snowfall, in others.

They say Arctic warming is creating a less stable jet stream, the strong west-to-east upper atmosphere winds that have been shifting north to south and changing usual weather patterns. Also, water temperatures are warmer and putting more moisture into the air.

Complicating things even more is the fact that snowpacks are getting smaller and melting earlier. Snow is an excellent reflector of sunlight and with fewer days of snow cover more sunlight is absorbed into and heating the ground.

Some scientists believe that the winter we are experiencing now will be the norm in coming decades. Robert McLeman, professor of Environmental Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, wrote in the *Globe and Mail* recently that unless climate change is seriously addressed, there will be no outdoor skating 50 years from now.

Warmer winters with more rain and less snow will have serious impact on winter sports other than outdoor ice skating. Ski resorts here and in Europe have been operating at reduced capacity because of the warmth. Winter is half over and some lakes still are not safely iced over to permit snowmobiling and ice fishing.

Warmer winters also affect our food supplies. Droughts, floods and soil loss make food production more difficult for farmers and ranchers.

Climate changes such as warmer waters can alter the ranges of many fish and shellfish species. Changing climate already has resulted in some marine disease outbreaks and Arctic warming is believed to be reducing salmon stocks in the Bering Sea.

Warmer winters also are affecting fruit and vegetable production, notably in California which has been suffering wild weather extremes.

Many crops require a certain amount of cold weather, which producers call chill hours. Without that, pollination can be delayed or incomplete and reduce crop yields.

Even honey production is affected by warmer winter temperatures. If it is too warm in January, honeybees will leave their hives and the queens might start laying eggs. When they start burning energy in winter, bees eat too much of the honey stored for winter and face starvation..

Then, of course, there is the big threat to those who spend time in the woods – the bugs.

Bugs don't like the cold and longer, colder winters mean fewer of them hatching in spring. Warmer winters allow frozen bug eggs to hatch sooner, producing clouds of new bugs to emerge and begin irritating us earlier in spring.

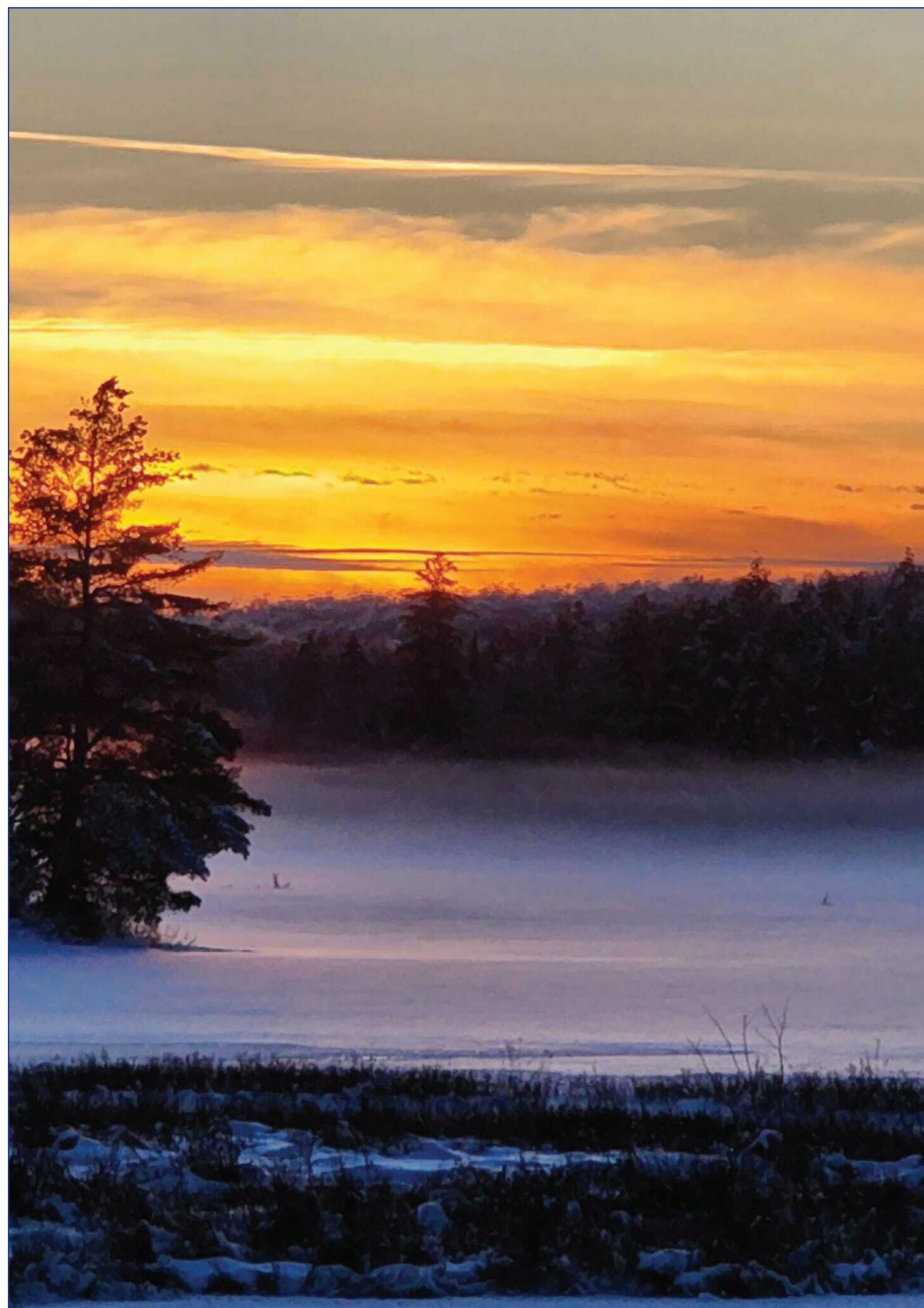
But bugs can be more than irritating. Some mosquito species carry dangerous diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, Zika and West Nile.

There is concern that a warmer, wetter climate will bring more mosquitoes and the diseases they carry further north.

The federal Public Health Agency has said that mosquito-borne diseases have increased 10 per cent Canada in last 20 years, largely due to climate change.

Correction

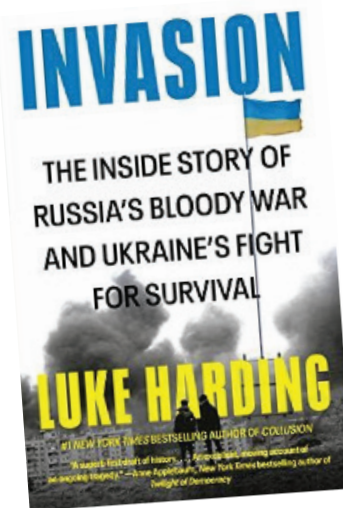
Please note a correction from the Jan. 11 issue of the Times: The Halls Island Artist Residency program is located on Koshlong Lake, and it was incorrectly noted that it was located on Halls Lake. Thank you to our readers for bringing this error to our attention.



There goes the sun

The days may be shorter, but at least we get these sunsets. Photo taken at Haliburton Forest on Jan. 16. /Submitted by Tegan Legge

HCPL's Book of the Week



For months, the omens had pointed in one scarcely believable direction: Russia was about to invade Ukraine. And yet, the world was stunned by the epochal scale of the assault that began in February 2022. It was an attempt by one nation to devour another. The Kremlin wanted nothing less than a new world order. *Invasion* is Luke Harding's gripping chronicle of the war that changed everything. Reporting on the ground through the initial months of shock and heartbreak, Harding shares unheard human stories behind the headlines, while also excavating the compelling narrative of two very different leaders.

Invasion: The Inside Story of Russia's Bloody War and Ukraine's Fight for Survival by Luke Harding is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library..

Dancing to the heartbeat of the drums

The dance group *Odawa Wiingushk* offered a half-day workshop through Razzmatazz on Jan. 14, where 21 children came to learn about the history, culture, and social dances of various Indigenous tribes. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



Dynamic duo Noelia Marziali and her daughter, Luna, giggle as they work to balance a potato between their foreheads. *Odawa Wiingushk* explained that this potato balancing challenge is a great opportunity to feel connected, and collaborate as a team.



Dancers celebrate as groups of two strut their stuff down the runway, keeping the heartbeat of the drums as their guide.



Lindy Kinoshameg from the Odawa Nation in his traditional regalia smiles as participants in the *Odawa Wiingushk* workshop dance to traditional social dances. / Adam Frisk Special to the *Times*



Lindy Kinoshameg, Jillian Sutherland, and Leslie McCue of *Odawa Wiingushk* stand outside the theatre after their performance on Jan. 15. The group comes from a variety of backgrounds, but they joined together to educate people about Indigenous heritage and culture.



Grooming for Healthcare hits the trails

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) volunteers and Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) board members gathered around a groomer to kick off Grooming for Healthcare, a fundraising campaign for HCSA to donate \$1 to HHHSF for every hour of grooming time the designated groomer spends on the Trans Ontario Provincial B103 trail. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Neutralizing trauma

IT'S HARD not to feel like you're missing the party if you can't claim to be traumatized by some event in your life. Or as Parul Sehgal asks, in a *New Yorker* article in early 2022, 'has trauma emerged as a passport to status – our red badge of courage?' I don't mean – nor does he -- to diminish in any way the negative impact of trauma, and maybe it's the circles I'm keeping these days (memoirists: wow, they're a battered gang!), but it seems to me that being traumatized has become normalized, and I don't think that's a good thing.



FAY MARTIN

Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

I doubt that the world is any harsher now than it has always been – in fact, there's some fairly compelling evidence that, on average, life is better than it was. But average doesn't really count in day-to-day life; it's what happens to you and your inner circle that matters. And the inner circle, the people we care about, has expanded with social media. Disaster anywhere is immediately on your screen and feeding on your brain – you don't even have to wait for the evening news or the weekend paper. (Imagine, for a moment's contrast, our pioneer forebears who received news by letter months after the event, or even us of a certain age, receiving the rare long-distance phone call that was only warranted by very good or very bad news.) And we can surely blame, to some extent, mainstream media's 'if it bleeds, it leads' philosophy for mainstreaming trauma, and pop culture's love affair with trauma that Sehgal's *New Yorker* article unpacks.

But the bottom line is that life is guaranteed to include bad stuff, even for the most fortunate of us. And since we can't change that (and would we if we could? I'd say no, but that's grist for another time), it behooves us to consider how we deal with bad stuff.

Imagine my delight, then, to hear Gabor Maté on the subject. He is the doctor who developed an approach to working with people in the den of iniquity that is Vancouver's Downtown Eastside that is revolutionizing how we understand psychological malfunction. His position is that addiction and mental illness originates with trauma. Period. Even as geneticists and molecular scientists

and others uncover hitherto unknown information about the physical operation of our brains and bodies. Maté was facilitating a weekend retreat for five women who had been drugged and raped by Bill Cosby, including the woman who successfully

brought him to trial. This newly released documentary, *The Case Against Crosby*, is available on CBC Gem and offers an in-depth understanding of how trauma operates, and – this is the important part – a re-positioning of how to protect ourselves from injury, or recover, when life delivers us damaging experiences.

Maté's position, simply put, is that trauma is not what happens, but the stories we tell ourselves about what happened. This is absolutely in sync with most talk therapies that guide us toward modifying how we understand our history. It is consistent with the perspective that underpins many Indigenous philosophies: Harold Johnson, in *The Power of Story*, says simply, 'We are the stories we tell and we become the stories we tell ourselves.'

This is not to say that protecting yourself, or healing yourself when you have been injured, is easy. It's not – as the women in the documentary attest. But it is in your control. In fact, you may be the only person who can protect or heal yourself. I've spent my professional life explaining that we can't make people be what we think they should be or what we want them to be; we can only do our best to create the conditions under which the choice we hope they make is available, accessible and attractive.

The other lovely lesson from this documentary is that we do not – and should not – heal alone. We should not keep the traumatic event a secret. We should share it as soon and as fully as possible. I invoke Sarah Polley here from her recent memoir, *Run Toward the Danger*. She received this advice related to dealing with concussion, but I think it has broader application. Courage beats cowering any day, I'll say (although I can already hear the pushback!)

Fay Martin is a retired social worker whose memoir, *Dementia Widow: Naming and Claiming Spousal Caregiving*, is looking for a publisher.

Why Your Opinion Matters TOURISM MATTERS



You may have seen the recent Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) that was shared online last month. Over the next six months, we will use this space to provide details about the findings of this survey and how it assists us in making decisions for the development of tourism in Haliburton County. In this first installment of six, we look at why resident input matters.

In this 'community of communities' that make up the Haliburton Highlands, it is important we get the opinions of the people that call this place home, particularly when it comes to tourism. Through the RSS, we heard from many of you on how you view the future of tourism here – from tourism in the region overall, to your thoughts on how well the needs of the community are considered, and much more.

Your input is extremely important when it comes to how we manage the Haliburton Highlands as a destination, as any decisions made about tourism and how we develop it – including the infrastructure and programs designed to support it – may provide very real benefits to your quality of life.

This community-based approach to tourism was first identified in the County's Destination Management Plan (DMP). In fact, it was flagged as a priority because tourism – and specifically tourism dollars – plays such a vital role in the overall economic and social success of our community.

The Haliburton Highlands relies heavily on the visitor economy. But what has been realized over the course of the pandemic is that it's vital to identify specific markets, instead of taking an "invite everyone approach" to destination promotion.

The DMP aims to promote the Haliburton Highlands as a premier year-round destination. To do that responsibly, we need to identify what type of visitors to target; to ask ourselves what we, as residents, love so much that visitors would also love, and to target those people directly.

Research shows that visitors don't return to the same destination to feel like tourists. They return because they want to feel like they're part of a community. Optimizing that connection with the community is the foundation of the DMP.

The most important goal for any destination management plan is to drive home the idea that community isn't something we have... it's something we do. To build stronger communities based on what residents want, the first step is to understand their goals and values, and to obtain that information from real-time data. That's why organizations of all sizes are developing resident sentiment surveys that provide the necessary data to benchmark, track, and address evolving public opinion year-over-year.

Through our RSS, we now have a measurable starting point that we can both refer to and build from as we develop sustainable, responsible, and community-based tourism practices where all stakeholders in the community have a say.

In total, 629 residents – full-time and seasonal – participated in the survey, which was online for a total of two weeks. Fully funded by the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization's Tourism Relief Fund, the timing on this pilot project was tight but it nonetheless provided us with valuable feedback. Going forward, we plan on releasing a new Resident Sentiment Survey every year for the next four years, with more time (approximately 10-12 weeks) given to complete it to encourage as many people as possible to participate.

Stay tuned for more details on the survey feedback, including what we've learned and how we plan to put that information into action. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please get in touch with

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Committee of Adjustment - Notice of Public Hearing
Application For Minor Variance

Take Notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

Date: Monday, January 30, 2022
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: This meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

To participate:
Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588
Enter Meeting ID: 860 6160 1003 and Passcode: 229779

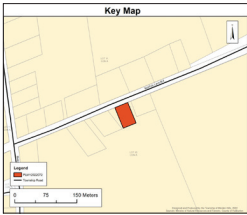
Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86061601003?pwd=YVdPV3VSTXZkKzhZGc5aXhsWlJPQT09>

Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at:
<https://youtu.be/60hC44XbAnI>

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dssisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday January 27th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM. Participants registering after 9:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

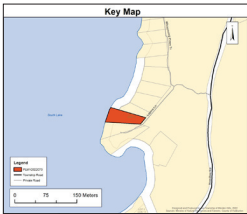
Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Minor Variance Applications PLMV2022072, PLMV2022073, and PLMV2022078 and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act as shown below:



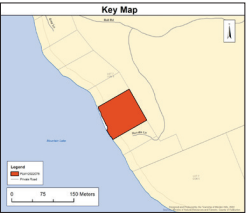
PLMV2022072 - Part Lot 10, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden; located on Scotch Line Road East (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a 131 square metre two-storey dwelling with 24 square metres of attached decks. The effect of the application would be to permit a reduced eastern interior side lot line setback of 12.2 metres for the dwelling and a reduced western interior side lot line setback of 11.6 metres for the dwelling and 8.5 metres for the attached deck, where interior side lot line setbacks of 15 metres are otherwise required.



PLMV2022073 - Part Lot 6, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 1020 Lapine Lane and located on South Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the replacement of an existing 75.9 square metre one-storey dwelling having 47.9 square metres of attached decks with a new 93.6 square metre two-storey dwelling having 58.8 square metres of attached decks. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in size for the deck, being a structure located in part within 15 metres of the high water mark, where no size increase is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit a new deficient water yard of 16.4 metres for the dwelling and 13.7 metres for the attached deck, where the existing water yard is 13.7 metres for the dwelling and 10.5 metres for the attached deck and a water yard of 23 metres is otherwise required.



PLMV2022078 - Part Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1083 Rundle Lane and located on Mountain Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the replacement of an existing 90.6 square metre one-storey dwelling having 14.1 square metres of attached decks with a new 111.5 square metre two-storey dwelling having 14.1 square metres of attached decks. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in height of 2.1 metres, whereas a height increase of 1.2 metres is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit a new deficient water yard of 15.9 metres where the existing water yard is 14.9 metres and a water yard of 23 metres is otherwise required.

Additional information regarding this application will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete application will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the electronic hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party's participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

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Looking cute for Cupid

Abbey Gardens is busy preparing their ice rink for the second annual Cupid's Carnival, scheduled for Feb. 11. /Photo submitted



The rink at Abbey Gardens will be open shortly, and will be announced on social media. It will be available by donation for the public to access, but will not be supervised, so it's skate at your own risk. Lights will be on at all times.

Join Aging Together as Community

Aging Together as Community, a volunteer group in the Haliburton Highlands, is excited to invite you to attend our next Open Community Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28, 1 to 4 p.m. at the HHOA Haliburton Fish Hatchery, at 6712 Gelert Rd.

Our aim is to bring residents of all ages together to envision opportunities and projects that will make a big difference in the lives of our older residents.

Dr. Barbara Clive, medical director of seniors services of Trillium Health Partners will open our event. She will be speaking on: "What is Dementia? and How to Keep Your Brain Healthy." There will be a

Q and A following the presentation and discussion with Dr. Clive.

We will then review the work of Aging Together during 2022 and ask attendees to participate in building a community vision for 2023.

We seek your insight in learning what

is possible and in creating strategies to help us move forward.

We need voices from all walks of life throughout the County to achieve the broadest results. Please feel free to share this information.

Refreshments will be served. Donations are gratefully appreciated. Masks are encouraged.

RSVP at: fb.me/e/3REk6z8ur or with David Buwalda, Barnes Management Group at David.buwalda@barnesmanagementgroup.com.

A virtual option is available for the meeting and it will be recorded. Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/87400556234?pwd=TlF5MithSGpocVVwbldlTZDUwemdqdz09.

You can find our Aging Together Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089628572228.

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Scoring up a storm

The U11 LL CarQuest Minden played against the Huntsville Coldwell Banker at S. G. Nesbitt Arena on Jan. 14. The Storm won 8-2. /TIM YANO Special to the Times



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Owen Nicholls leads team to Canada Winter Games

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Dreams do come true for those who put in work with passion and dedication.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 student Owen Nicholls knows this well after receiving the honour of representing Ontario with his U18 team from the London Curling Club, Team Stratton, at the Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island at the end of February.

The team won all six of their games in the Canada Winter Games trials in Guelph in December, ending with a nail-biting final against Team Rajala from North Bay.

"The last one was a big one, and we all knew it. When you get to a final, all the other games become almost irrelevant, other than information we can take from it, because this is a game where if you lose you go home, if you win you go to the Canada Winter Games," said the team lead.

With the chance to go to the Canada Winter Games dependent on one last game, the team owes their success to their ability to stay calm focused.

"We kept repeating to each other during that game, 'We didn't come to lose.' After that game, we were flooded with excitement and honor," Owen said. "To represent your province is something a lot of people dream to do and to be able to do it is something that can't be forgotten and feels amazing."

Owen commends the Haliburton Curling Club for giving him his start in curling.

"This is a huge reason why I am able to get to where I am today," he said, thanking his



Haliburton local Owen Nicholls and his team from the London Curling Club recently came first in the Canada Winter Games Trials, allowing them represent Ontario at the Winter Games in PEI in February. /Photo submitted

coaches Hugh Nichol and Terry Lawrence especially.

His parents said his passion and drive for the sport was evident since he started.

"He lives for it," said his father Erin Nicholls. "He loves the sport. He follows it at all the levels men's, women juniors, doesn't matter who, he follows it. Determination has come as he's grown. It's always about having

fun, but as he gets older and the game is more competitive, he's embraced that."

His mother, Brianna Elder, said Owen always puts his best foot forward to everything he commits to.

Winning the Canada Winter Games Trials was a highlight for both parents because they got to see Owen's hard work rewarded in the best way imaginable; to compete nationally.

"I cried. I knew I would. It was such a proud moment as a parent," Elder said. "He and his team were so focused on the game. When they won, Owen's smile was amazing to see."

Owen also said a pivotal moment in his curling career was getting to win the Gore Mutual High School Boys provincial championship alongside Jacob Dobson, HHSS alumnus.

"This is how I got into the competitive circuit when Jacob asked me to be on his U21 competitive team. This is how I met a lot of people and brought me to getting invited to play with Team Collins, a U18 team at the provincials in 2022 where we placed third," Owen said.

It was at this competition that Team Stratton watched Owen play and later invited him to join as lead.

Team Stratton is focused on a few more competitions before the Canada Winter Games, and recently won the U18 provincial championship on Jan. 15.

"As a team, we will be focusing hard and practicing harder to prepare for these events, which in itself will prepare us for the Canada Winter Games," Owen said. "I am most looking forward to going to PEI in all our Ontario gear and experiencing what a Winter Games feels like and the atmosphere and fun that surrounds it."

Owen continues to play with the Haliburton Curling Club and is now a volunteer coach himself.

"I am very thankful for the Haliburton Curling Club," he said.

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Diving into history in our Lakes

by CLEM GROB
Special to the Times

Have you ever heard of Haliburton Gold? Or maybe you’ve eaten it? This is a species of fish that can only be found in a few lakes around the world, all of which are in the Haliburton region. Haliburton Gold is referred to as a glacial relic and a heritage species.

Historically, this fish was assumed to be a member of the common lake trout species found in Ontario, *Salvelinus namaycush*. However, local fishermen have long suspected that this fish was a different species due to its small, torpedo shaped body, and strong fighting abilities. It wasn’t until the 1980s that scientists genetically analyzed the fish, revealing that it was indeed a distinct species – one of the oldest and purest strains of lake trout in the world.

Haliburton Gold is a genetically unique strain of Lake Trout that has a long history in the Highlands. When the glaciers re-

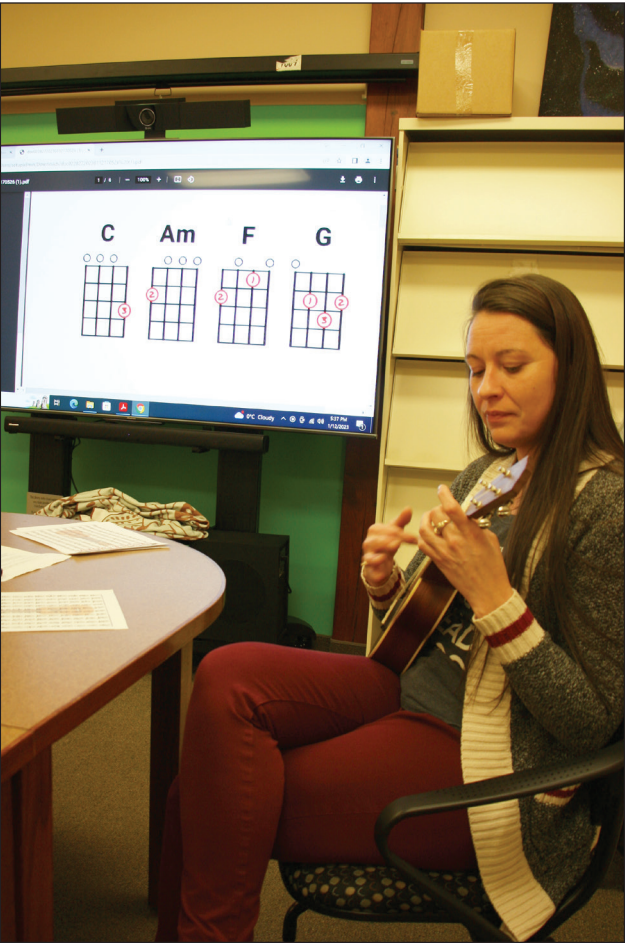
treated at the end of the last Ice Age, the lakes of Haliburton were shaped into what we see today; and Haliburton Gold was left behind.

Haliburton Gold is a hardy fish that is highly adapted to Haliburton’s climate. On top of this, they mature and reproduce at a younger age than other lake trout species. Although hatchery-raised Haliburton Gold has not yet been proven to reproduce in the wild, Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) president Dan Smith suspects that they can, and do. “Each year we release Gold, we clip a different fin to know when they were released” said Smith. “In lakes where they don’t naturally occur [but they are stocked in], there have been reports of Golds without any fin clippings,” he said, suggesting that the unclipped fish are naturally born offspring from the hatchery-raised fish.

Together, their fast-maturing, hardy characteristics make them an excellent choice for lake rehabilitation. When fish populations are low, Haliburton Gold can be introduced, and they grow faster than other lake trout populations would.

Haliburton Gold, as well as many other fish species, are a continuing species in lakes around Haliburton County thanks to the efforts of the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. At the Hatchery, volunteers collect eggs in the late fall after dark, when these fish travel up rocky streams to spawn. They are then captured, their egg and sperm collected, and released back into the lake. Eggs are brought to the hatchery to be raised by volunteers, where their chances of survival are a whopping 60 to 70 per cent (versus only one per cent survival if left in the wild). It takes a whole 18 months for the eggs to develop into fingerlings, which are stocked into local lakes in May.

Haliburton Gold has a strong cultural and economic significance to the Highlands. Many fishermen have enjoyed the unique, salmon coloured flesh of this fish for years. This fish supports a large tourism industry by continuously providing a challenge and reward for fishermen in the attractive lakes of Haliburton County.



Branch assistant for Haliburton County Public Libraries (HCPL) Jaime Bilodeau taught beginner ukulele at the Minden Branch on Jan. 12. This program is free of charge, and will be running regularly through the HCPL. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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Taking some time for a tune

Freida Coltman and Elinor Kernohan practice playing *Amazing Grace* on their ukuleles at the Minden branch of the HCPL. Both are fairly new to the instrument, and enjoyed the pace that the classes are taught.



Time to warm up!

Bethany Houghton leads all skiers (and parents) through a thorough warm-up before Jack Rabbits skiing on Jan. 14. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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The family of the late **Ken Evans** extends our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the love and support shown to us following Ken's unexpected death. We are overwhelmed.

Ken had successful back surgery in Sept, but after feeling unwell for a few weeks in early Dec., was diagnosed with terminal cancer a week before he died.

Thank you to those who could attend Ken's celebration of life, donated to SIRCH, or to The 4C's, or purchased trees in Ken's name. We are so fortunate to call Haliburton home. Special thanks also to those friends and relatives who were able to come from away, or sent flowers in remembrance of Ken.

We will never forget the kindness shown to Ken by the Palliative Care Team and to us, his family. Ken was administered MAID (medical assistance in dying) by Dr. Norm Bottum and Alex Sisson as was his fervent wish. We will always be thankful that he was allowed to pass away so gently and peacefully because of them.

Ken and I have always appreciated the care given to Ken by Dr. Scott Coles, and our family thanks you again.

Thank you also to Dwaine & Laurie at Haliburton Community Funeral Home, and to Brian Plouffe for his message.

Wanda Evans & Family

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650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of Wayne Frederick Toye

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Sunday, December 25, 2022 with his loving family at his side, in his 77th year.

Beloved husband of Dale (nee Barry). Dear father of Tracey and her husband Brian Morrissey, Stephanie and her husband Craig Crowe. Loving grandpa of Colin and Jamie, step-grandpa of Josh (Vivian). Brother of Gwen (deceased), Judy (Dennis-deceased), Marilyn (deceased) (Harry), Brian (Gail) and Ian (Judy). Brother-in-law of Beryl (Murray), Bryan (Anna), Wayne (Linda), Grenville (Brenda) and Phil (Sharon). Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday from 4:00 until 7:00 pm and on Friday, December 30, 2022 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Wayne's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

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Curling Club condemned - seek Wintario funding

Alex Millar and J.O. Jackson appeared before Anson, Hindon and Minden Council last week on behalf of the Minden Curling Club. They requested that council forward an application to Wintario to assist the club with rink construction

costs.

In December of last year, the Ministry of Labour condemned the present rink as being unsafe for use. The ministry is permitting the club to continue at the location for the

rest of this season under an agreement to monitor the snow load on the building's roof. Several people were appointed to meet this responsibility.

It is understood that Wintario,

under their present regulations, may be able to consider granting a sum representing over fifty per cent of construction costs. A feasibility study is a new requirement of the Wintario organization. The costs of such a study can be shared equally

by Wintario if the proposal is accepted by them.

The Curling Club Executive will consider alternatives open to them at a meeting which is to be held on March 4.

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COOL CAT — The king of beasts was on display as part of the ice sculpture exhibit at Haliburton's Winter Carnival. There was no chance of any of the entries melting as record breaking lows prevailed throughout the week.

Frigid weather brings freezing water mains

Cold weather created problems for everyone in Haliburton County this week. Faced with temperatures as low as 37 degrees Celsius, many people had difficulties with their motor vehicles and home heating units ran continuously.

Some households had to accept lower than usual indoor temperatures when their furnaces failed to produce enough warmth to combat the frigid weather.

The Newcastle Street area of Minden, residents were twice without water during

the week after a watermain burst. As The Times went to press, householders in that location had been without water for over twenty-four hours.

Cal Wilson, Manager of Hydro in the Minden Area commented that the electrical usage has been higher throughout January and February as a result of the weather. He pointed out that our hydro consumption in the county varies according to the number of people who use their cottage at a given time, but that increased needs for

heating and the necessity to plug cars in during this cold spell may make February the peak month for consumption of electricity.

Mr. Wilson reported that Hydro is continuing the work of cleaning trees which threatened electrical service after the severe snow storm of January 25.

He stated that there are cottagers whose private electrical service lines have been damaged and that Hydro has informed the owners whenever they have come across such a problem.

ACID RAIN—

50 percent of our lakes may be headed for destruction of fish

Dr. Bill Freedman, a University of Toronto scientist who has done extensive research concerning the effects of pollutants on eco-systems, told The Times this week that 50 percent of the lakes in our area are susceptible to acid rain and may be on their way to a total loss of their fish population.

Acid rain comes from sulphate and nitrate contamination in the air. Sulphate is related to the use of electric power and oxides and nitrogen come from auto emissions.

The destructive effects of acid rain have become of urgent interest to North Americans in recent months as the public becomes aware of the possibility that a great part of our fresh water fish population may be destroyed.

Dr. Freedman, who will be speaking to the public in February 28 at the Minden Municipal Building at the Haliburton County Anti Pollution Committee's open house, stated that there are indications that the process is already occurring in some Haliburton County lakes and that if rates of contamination continue the lakes will go acid and lose their fish population, something that has already occurred in a number of lakes in the Kilarney area.

He pointed out that there is about \$600,000,000 spent in Ontario on sport fishing and that makes the threat economic as well as ecological.

The scientist described our soft-water lakes as being very vulnerable to acid-rain.

"Deep, pre-cambrian shield lakes have very little buffering capacity, very little ability to neutralize acid input."

Dr. Freedman, who has attended international conferences where the subject was under discussion, stated that "there are as many as 50,000 lakes in Ontario which are likely to go acid."

His research has included extensive study of smelter pollution around Sudbury on forests. He points to pollution from that geographic area although he states that "We are importing most of it from the northeastern United States."

When asked if the loss of the fish from our lakes would cause in itself further environmental problems he replied "I would think that it would cause a major disruption in our eco-system. Fish are major predators. Some other species would benefit."

Dr. Freedman stated that technology is available to contain these destructive emissions but that it is expensive and may not be economically feasible.

"This is not something Canada can solve alone, there has to be an international solution" he said.

Minden reached finals of Tim Harrison Tournament

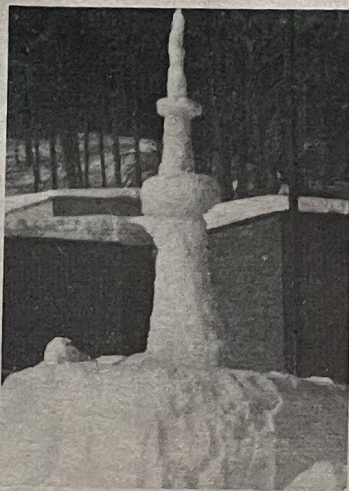
Minden Midgets made it to the championship game in the Tim Harrison Memorial Tournament this week but were beaten 3 to 1 by Beaverton.

The one-day tournament in the Minden Arena brought teams from Port Perry, Orono, Lakefield, Haliburton, Bancroft, Oshawa, and Beaverton to Minden Saturday.

The Haliburton Midgets made it to the consolation championship game but were toppled in a closely contested game that saw Port Perry take the match 4 to 3.

This was the fourth Tim Harrison Memorial Tournament held here since the tournament was set up to honour the local player who died following a hockey accident.

The championship team from Beaverton received a trophy donated by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harrison, Tim's parents.



TALENT — The CN Tower and Raggedy Ann both made an appearance at last weekend's Haliburton Winter Carnival.



Hyland Crest tentative agreement

A tentative agreement was reached this week between the Hyland Crest Executive Committee and members of Local 1225 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

The agreement now requires ratification by both the Haliburton County Council and union members.


Council is expected to deal with the matter during their February 22 meeting and union members will vote concerning this by the week's end.

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